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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A semiconductor device comprising:

an inner lead having a sloping section sloping upward and outward; a die pad;

a semiconductor chip having an electrode and bonded to the die pad;

a wire electrically connecting the inner lead to the electrode;

a sealing section sealing the inner lead, the semiconductor chip, and the wire; and

an outer lead extending outward from the sealing section; wherein the wire is bonded to the sloping section of the inner lead.

- 2-4. (Cancelled).
- 5. (Original): The semiconductor device as defined in claim 1, wherein the inner lead further has a second sloping section sloping downward and outward from a higher end of the sloping section.
- 6. (Original): The semiconductor device as defined in claim 1, wherein the inner lead further has a portion extending in a horizontal direction and connected to the outer lead.
- 7. (Currently Amended): The semiconductor device as defined in claim $\underline{1}$ 2, wherein a bonding position between the wire and the inner lead is lower than the position of the electrode.
 - 8. (Cancelled).

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- 9. (Original): The semiconductor device as defined in claim 1, wherein a surface of the die pad opposite to the semiconductor chip is exposed from the sealing section.
- 10. (Original): A circuit board on which the semiconductor device as defined in claim 1 is mounted.
- 11. (Original): An electronic instrument comprising the semiconductor device as defined in claim 1.
 - 12-20. (Cancelled).
 - 21. (New): A semiconductor device comprising:

an inner lead having a first sloping section sloping upward and outward, the inner lead having a second sloping section sloping downward and outward from a higher end of the first sloping section;

- a die pad;
- a semiconductor chip having an electrode and bonded to the die pad;
- a wire electrically connecting the inner lead to the electrode;
- a sealing section sealing the inner lead, the semiconductor chip, and the wire; and

an outer lead extending outward from the sealing section.